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THE FUTURE OF BUILDING

THE building industry will be grateful to Mr.Bevan for his categoric statement to the Margate conference of the Labour Party that nationalising the industry was not the way he would set about increasing the output of housing. "Those who speak about nationalising the building industry are really asking for the nationalisation of every industry in Great Britain" he said. "That is the logic of it, but I am bound to tell you that in the political and physical dislocation that would intervene, there would not be many houses going up for some time."

It should not be thought that Mr.Bevan has no solution. He believes there is a surer way to achieve the object, i.e. by an extension of the policy of municipal direct labour departments. At present, he states, there are only 22,000 direct employees of local authorities on new building. The building industry has never feared the direct labour movement so long as it can be assumed that costing is worked out fairly and that proper allowance is made for supervision, overheads, depreciation of plant, etc. It would even agree that for large-scale maintenance work direct labour can be more economic. But the difficulty of obtaining convincing figures of the working of direct labour departments prevents a factual approach to the subject while political considerations are raised by the knowledge that to place private firms subject to paying of rates and taxes in competition with departments not so subject is not only unfair but, if pressed to a logical conclusion, would be economically fatal. Has the Labour Party considered how local and national revenue will be raised should its policy of nationalisation of all major industries be pressed home and industrial rateable value drop to near nil?

If the findings of the Girdwood Committee are considered to be insufficient it would appear that the time is ripe for a factual examination by an independent commission of the direct labour method of building. The building industry, in our view, need not fear the result.

NATIONALISATION OF BUILDING

"Direct Labour the Solution" ---says Mr.Bevan

A composite resolution on housing and building urging the national executive committee to press the Government to make a new attempt to solve both the shortage and high cost of housing by the requisitioning of available housing space, the nationalisation of the building industry, and the centralisation and direction of the housing drive by a Ministry of Housing, drew pungent comments from Mr.Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, at the Labour Party Conference at Margate on October 5.

Mr.Bevan said the national executive

committee recognised that housing was possibly the most sensitive of domestic issues. But it was poppycock to assume that one additional house would be built by reorganisation of Government machinery.

The number of houses which the nation could afford to build must be related to the country's resources. The Government had decided it was better that people should live a little longer in overcrowded houses and remain at work than to live in idleness in separate homes. One of the reasons why housing lists were longer was that everyone was employed.

Those who spoke about nationalising the building industry were really asking for the nationalisation of every industry in Great Britain. "That is the logic of it," he continued, "but I am bound to tell you that in the political and physical dislocation that would intervene there would not be many houses going up for some time."

Nationalising the building industry was not the way he proposed to set about it. If he was going to advise the government as to what industry should be nationalised first, it would not be the building industry. If their municipal drive was greater, then there was a surer way. There were only 22,000 direct employees of local authorities on new buildings, but he had for the past five years said that it was his policy to encourage direct building by Local authorities.

He hoped they would not carry the requisitioning of available housing space. If it meant space to build houses on, they had all the space needed. If it meant requisitioning occupied houses, they should not do that, because it would frighten every family in the country. The success of the housing programme consisted in the fact that they had the central direction of housing with the co-operation of local authorities.

There were only two ways of adding to housing accommodation. First by increasing productivity in the building industry, and secondly by a general increase in productivity. The resolution was rejected.

CORRESPONDENCE

"Architecture To-day"

SIR, - Mr. Maxwell Aylwin's letter in your issue for Sept. 29 probably expresses the views of many who think a lot but normally remain silent, particularly members of the general public. True, public opinion is not notably instructed in the arts, but, as your correspondent says, it must have some influence on the course which the artist sets for himself, particularly in the case of a useful constructive art like architecture.

I listend with great interest recently to the views of "The Critics" on the South Bank Exhibition buildings. While they all seemed pleased with the note of originality and gaity which they found in, and considered appropriate to, the temporary buildings, two or three of them (not the architectural member of the team) expressed dislike of the only permanent building, the Concert Hall, which one described as "packing-case architecture."

Now it is obviously unfair to criticise this building while it is still unfinished and surrounded with scaffolding and clutter, and in any case a concert hall is a place to listen in rather than to look at; but the fact that laymen are interested in the external appearance of buildings confirms your correspondent's point, and where the laymen happen to be cultivated people like "The Critics" their views cannot be lightly ignored or set aside as irresponsible.

What "The Critics" seemed to miss in the exterior of the Concert Hall was embellishment, which is generally lacking in progressive architecture. Does this general human desire for "ornament" hold a lesson for contemporary architects?

Hari Bona.

SIR, - Have you ever asked yourselves why you should be the only architectural publication of circulation of any

size that is out of step? I suggest you should spend some time on study on the history of architecture, art and sculpture which have produced contemporary work. For a start, may I suggest you read well, and digest, S.Giedion's "Space, Time and Architecture."

Christopher Gotch.
31,Greenhill,N.W.3.

SIR,- I was very interested indeed to read Mr.Maxwell Aylwin's letter on the subject of "Architecture To-Day" and "Whither Architecture?" which seem to summarise the feelings of many people today with regard to contemporary architecture in particular; the arts generally, in fact.

We have all, no doubt, by now seen the recent "Punch" and the"Acanthus" drawing, caricaturing contemporary architecture, with all the usual mannerisms! and titled so perfectly "We did so well from tourists they let us rebuild the West Wing."

It is interesting to note,however, that the reconstruction work in France that I have seen so far is going ahead in a very pleasing architectural form, and what we call the "modern style" in England seems to be a thing of the past over there recently, for example in St. Malo, Dinard and Le Touquet. In fact, the reconstructed Casino de la Foret in Le Touquet has to be seen to be believed - magnificent interiors, including beautiful, well designed fittings and furnishings for all the many rooms and various activities. The cost was, I believe, 150 million francs - and well worth it - (no experimentalism there - merely good technique and art combined).

The new large blocks of multi-storey flats at St.Malo are stone-faced, and they even have pitched roofs. They also incorporate small shops to the street, which are useful and attractive to look at as well.

It appears, therefore, that the "Modern" designs are for export only, and they are lapped up here like cats drinking milk, in many schools of architecture today.

I mention France because Le Corbusier's many books on the "modern style" are so widely read by students in this country - he is in fact a sort of demagogue,I imagine - what a pity!

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MODERN BUILDING

Exhibition for Bristol

Modern building methods will be demonstrated in an Exhibition organised by the Ministry of Works to be held at the Corn Exchange, Bristol, from October 19-25 inclusive. One part of the exhibition, Modern Site Organisation, will show ways of increasing output and reducing costs. Other subjects dealt with will be Plumbing, Codes of Practice, and Thermal Insulation.

The Exhibition is to be opened by the Rt.Hon.Lord Morrison, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works, at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, October 19. After the opening ceremony the Exhibition will be open to the public from 1.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. On following days the hours of opening are: 12.0 noon to 8.0 p.m., except on Saturday, October 21 when the opening hours are 10.0 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Films on various aspects of the Building Industry will be shown during the Exhibition.

R.I.B.A. NEW SESSION

The Inaugural meeting of the new R.I.B.A. session will be held on November 14 at 66,Portland-place,W.1. when the president, Mr.A.Graham Henderson,A.R.S.A., will deliver his presidential address. The president will also unveil the portrait of Mr. Michael Waterhouse,M.C.,immediate past-president, painted by Mr.David Jagger,R.O.I., and present the London Architecture Medal to Mr.C.H.James.

OBITUARY

J.Leask Manson,O.B.E.,B.Sc. We regret to record the death in hospital, at the age of 68, of Mr.J.Leask Manson,O.B.E., B.Sc., of 20, College-avenue, Crosby, Liverpool,23.

Mr.J.B.M.Hay, H.M.I.,writes: Mr. Manson entered his teaching career in the building department in the Leicester College of Technology. During the 1914-18 war he was attached to the Inspection Department of the War Office in connection with the testing of materials for war purposees. At the end of the war he returned to Leicester and shortly afterwards joined the then Board of Education as H.M. Inspector of Schools in the technological branch with special interest in building. He was later appointed Staff Inspector for Building and assisted in the development of building craft and general building courses. His service to building education was recognised in the award of the O.B.E. He retired at the end of August 1947. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Mr. Manson was well known in the building industry for his work in building education, to which he made substantial contributions, and there is no doubt that that the happy relationship between the building industry and the Ministry of Education is due in large measure to his efforts. He took much interest in building science and in collaboration with Mr.F.E.Drury he wrote one of the standard text books on this subject, "Experimental Building Science", of which a new edition of Vol.2, Part 1, has just appeared.

He represented the Ministry of Education on many bodies concerned with building education and was Education Assessor on the Building Apprenticeship and Training Council.

Robert Sharp,F.R.I.B.A. We regret to announce the death on October 3 at his home at Wimbledon of Mr. Robert Sharp, F.R.I.B.A., who practised at 13,Lower Belgrave-street,S.W.1. Mr. Sharp was elected a Fellow of the R.I.B.A. in 1936. He carried out much industrial work, including the Lex Garage,Lexington-street,Soho, in association with J.J.Joass.

E.Meredith,F.R.I.B.A. We regret to record the death of Mr.Edward Meredith, F.R.I.B.A. Mr.Meredith, who became A.R.I.B.A. in 1915 and F.R.I.B.A. 14 years later, carried out many schemes of shops,flats and other works in the Goodmayes area,Essex. He was 62.

John Henry Wheeler,F.R.I.C.S. We announce with regret the death on October 1 at his home at Holland-on-Sea of Mr. John Henry West Wheeler,F.R.I.C.S. He was 80. For many years he was the senior partner in the firm of Wheeler and Atkins, of Chelsea and Fulham.

COMING EVENTS

Friday,October 13. Incorporated Association of Architects & Surveyors. - Silver Jubilee Dinner. Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. 6.30 p.m.

Friday,October 13. South Eastern Society of Architects. - Students' prize distribution by Mr.S.J.Egerton-Banks, M.I. Mech.E. King Charles Hall,Warwick Park,Tunbridge Wells. 5.30 p.m.

Saturday,October 14. Royal Inst. of Oil Painters. 63rd Annual Exhibition. 195,Piccadilly, W.1. 10 a.m. (Private View). Open until November 7 (10-5).

Monday,October 16. The Georgian Group. Conference on protection of historic buildings. At Leamington. (Continues until October 19).

Tuesday,October 17. Institution of Sanitary Engineers. - Dr.S.Buchan,B.Sc., F.G.S.,on the "Work of the Water Department of the Geological Survey". Geological Survey and Museum,Exhibition Road,S.W.7. 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday,October 17. Institution of Structural Engineers (Scottish Branch). "Shell Roof Construction", by Professor W.T.Marshall, Ca'doro Restaurant, Glasgow. 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18. Reinforced Con-

crete Association. - Mr.G.A.Pitt, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., on "The Construction of Grain Silos in Iraq. 11,Upper Belgrave-st.,S.W.1. 6 p.m.

Thursday,October 19. Town & Country Planning Assn. (Students' Planning Group).- A.Korn,F.R.I.B.A., on "The Forgotten Half Million." 28,King-st., Covent Garden,W.C.2. 6.15 p.m.

Thursday,October 19. Institute of Housing. Annual Conference,White Rock Pavilion,Hastings. 10 a.m.(continuing until October 20).

Thursday,October 19.Institution of Mech.Engineers. Annual Dinner. Dorchester Hotel,Park-la.,W.1. 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 19. Council for the Preservation of Rural England. 12th national conference entitled "Modern Developments in Rural England." New Assembly Hall,Tunbridge Wells. 9 p.m.

Friday,October 20. Institute of Econmic Engineering. - "The Role of the Trade Union in Engineering Industries" by Mr.H. Scanlon. Engineers' Club, Manchester, 7.30 p.m.

NOTES AND NEWS

RECEPTION FOR VISITING ARCHITECTS — An informal reception for architects and students of architecture from the British Commonwealth and the United States who are visiting this country was given by the Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects on October 10. The evening's proceedings were entirely informal and some interesting discussions on present day architecture problems took place which added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

FESTIVAL OPENING PLANS — The Festival of Britain authorities announce that the first visitors to the South Bank Exhibition on the opening day, Friday, May 4, will be the King and Queen; the exhibition will be open to the public at 2.30 p.m. on the same day. The other Festival exhibitions, including the Architectural section at Poplar and Festival Pleasure Gardens will be opened on May 3. The price of admission to the South Bank will be 4s. Advance tickets providing guaranteed admission will cost 5s. on ordinary days and 10s. on Tuesdays. Half-price will be charged for children. Except for the Telecinema there will be no supplementary charges for any display or feature within the Exhibition. Hours of opening will be from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Work has begun on the Festival of Britain Buildings which will form part of the 1951 architecture exhibition at Poplar, where the London County Council is reconstructing on a bombed area a new neighbourhood to be known as Lansbury. These exhibition buildings will include:- A building research pavilion, a town planning pavilion, a cafeteria with terrace, to accommodate 2,000 people, an administration block, a "crazy house" which will illustrate the defects of building without Science and a vertical feature - a 200 feet high crane which will symbolise the modern effort for better building.

Reconstruction work in Lansbury is already well ahead. The plan includes new homes for 1,500 people,new schools, churches, public houses,shopping centre and market place - a cross-section of all the amenities for a planned modern self-contained neighbourhood which by 1951 will be a living part of London's East End.

HOUSE BUILDING IN IRELAND — The Government of the Republic of Ireland have amended the Control of Building Order. Henceforward it will not be necessary to obtain a licence under the Order for the erection of a house the floor area of which is not more than 1,400 square feet. The previous limit was 1,250 square feet. Building licences are required to authorise any other building operation costing more than £500 or involving the use of building materials costing more than £250.

From "The Builder" of 1850 -Saturday, Oct.12,1850. - Foreign Tiles: Some remarkably large importations of roofing tiles and bricks are taking place at the present time from Antwerp,the manufacture of Belgium. One vessel, the Active from Antwerp,has brought 27,612 roofing tiles & 6,000 bricks.

FUTURE CONSTRUCTION

TENDERS

Battersea. 5 blocks of flats, Bello-st.,site. +M.J.Gleeson,Ltd.,London-rd., North Cheam, £307,387.
Bootle. 12 dwellings nr. Ford Station (Scheme 15q). B.E. & S.,Town Hall. +S.Byron,9,Graburn-rd.,Formby, Lancs., £10,267; 24 dwellings,(scheme 15 s) nr. Ford Station, +W.L.Murphy,Ltd.,3,Kirkstone-rd., Litherland, L'pool,21, £36,917.
Brentford and Chiswick. 9 dwellings, Chesterfield-rd.,Chiswick for B.C. & Co-Partner Building Operatives,Ltd.,24,Manor-la.,Sunbury-on-Thames,£13,795. (23 tenders received).
Dagenham. 54 flats,Whalebone-la. south for B.C.+R.J.Minchin & Co.,Ltd., Chigwell-rd.,Woodford-green, £66,448.
Hartlepool. Houses for T.C. R.H.Snowball,B.E. 14, +Rennie & Son,Regent-sq; 12, +C.M.Yuill,Ltd.,Villiers-st; 8,+W.W.Brazell,Ltd.,Raeburn-st; 9,+T.M.Stonehouse,Ltd., Osborne-rd. (All local builders).
Liverpool. Works for City Council: 30 flats, Virgil-st.,+Direct Labour, cost not exceeding £45,600; 6 houses,Wellington-ave.,+W.A.McDonald & Co.,Ltd.,157, Breckfield-rd.,North,Liverpool,5, £8,277; 5 houses,New-rd.,Tuebrook,+J.Ruddock, 382,Scotland-rd.,Liverpool,5, £6,897; 4 houses,Gaerwen-st., +J.Hughes (L'pool) Ltd., 24,Breck-rd.,L'pool, £5,903; 6 houses,Farnworth-st.,+Woodend Building Co., Ltd., 232,Rice-la.,Liverpool,9, £8,307; restoration of 6 houses,Penryhn-st., +Capstick & Owen,Ltd.,323,East Prescot-rd.,L'pool,14,£9,415.(All subject to M.H.approval).
London (Admiralty). Particulars of contracts: Bedenham,Gosport, Asphalte covering to roofs, The Excel Asphalte Co.,Ltd.,Hammersmith; Upnor and Lodge Hill, External painting, J.H.Durrant & Son,Rochester; Chatham,H.M.Dockyard, Modernisation of latrines, Gough Cooper & Co.,Ltd.,Wilmington.
London (Air Ministry). Contracts to value of £500 or over for week ended Sept. 30. Building work: R.Corben & Son,Ltd.,Maidstone; Civil Engineering work: John Mowlem & Co.,Ltd.,London,S.W.1; Building work: Neodox Ltd.,Manchester, Thorogood & Sons,Ltd.,Surbiton,Surrey, J.Jarvis & Sons,Ltd.,London,S.W.1; Maintenance work: R.Corben & Son,Ltd.,Southampton, Beric,Ltd.,Epsom,Surrey, S.Cronin & Sons,Ltd.,Warley,Essex, Galbraith Bros.,Ltd., London,W.C.1; Supply of fencing: Flextella Fencing & Eng.,Ltd.,Petersfield,Hants., Penfold Fencing & Eng.,Ltd., Watford, Peerless Fence & Products,Ltd.,Harefield,Uxbridge,Middx., Boulton & Paul,Ltd., Norwich, The Darlington Fencing Co.,Ltd.,London,E.C.4.
London (M.O.W.). Contracts placed by M.O.W. during week ended Sept.30. London: St.Dunstan's Workshop,Inner Circle,Regents Park, Adaptations to form artists' studios, E.J.Lacy & Co.,Ltd.,334,High-rd.,Willesden,N.W.10. Woolwich, Telephone Exchange, Extension, Thomas & Edge,Ltd.,25,Greens-end,Woolwich. Middlesex: Teddington, Erection of radio chemical laboratory, Demolition & Construction Co., Ltd., 3,St.James'-sq.,S.W.1, National Physical Laboratory, Internal and external painting, Geo.Jones & Son (Contractors) Ltd.,27B,Kensington Church-st.,W.8. Shropshire: Oswestry, 58 married soldiers' quarters, Unit Construction Co.,Ltd., 21a,Brook-st.,Knutsford. Sussex: Hastings Telephone Exchange, Alterations and additions, R.C.Corben & Son,Ltd.,2,Pelham-st.,Hastings. Worcs: Malvern, Erection of 26 brick houses, Spicers (Builders),Ltd.,Camberley-rd.,Worcester. Yorks: P.O. Main-st.,Sedbergh, Alterations, etc.,Barrow Bros. (Builders Lancaster) Ltd., Bulk-rd.,Lancaster.
London(War Dept.). Works contracts placed by War Dept. during week ended Sept. 30. Worcs: Miscellaneous work, Ankerdine (Public Works),Ltd.,Worcester. Salop: Miscellaneous work, Whitchurch (Salop), Contractors,Ltd.,Whitchurch,Salop. Brecon: Building work, H.J.Thomas,Clynderwen,Pembs. Salop: Miscellaneous work,

Rexford (Builders),Ltd.,Birmingham; Yorks:Miscellaneous work,Scruton & Co. (Builders),Ltd.,Hull; Berks: Roofing works,Manchester Slate Co.,Ltd.,London,S.W.1. Somerset: Miscellaneous work, F.C. Steare,Ltd.,Taunton; Hants:Miscellaneous work, W.R.Smith,Hayling Island; Berks: Miscellaneous work,Y.J.Lovell & Son,Ltd.,Gerrards Cross,Bucks; Somerset: Miscellaneous work,W.Burston & Son,Clevedon,Som.

L.C.C. For contract A (3 blocks) part of 180 flats, 2 laundries,18 garages,etc., at Ainsworth-rd.,Hampstead. +Wm.Moss & Sons,Ltd.,Cricklewood,£173,411,Stewart & Partners,Ltd.,£173,500,Gilbert-Ash,Ltd.,£174,687,Gee,Walker & Slater,Ltd., £175,594, W.J.Simms,Sons & Cooke,Ltd.,£175,749,Walter Lawrence & Son,Ltd., £177,976,Richard Costain,Ltd.,£178,474, C.Miskin & Sons,Ltd.,£179,126,The Unit Construction Co.,Ltd.,£181,448,Prestige & Co.,Ltd.,£181,990,M.J.Gleeson,Ltd., £186,870,Kent & Sussex Contractors Ltd., £189,527.

Comparable estimate of appointed architects,Anderson,Forster & Wilcox, is £187,536.

L.C.C. For 20 flats on Browning estate,Southwark, in a five-storey block:W.J. Marston,Ltd.,Fulham,£34,858,Tersons,Ltd.,£35,354, Stewart & Partners,Ltd., £35,750,Leslie &.Co.Ltd.,£35,762, A.T. Rowley(London) Ltd., £35,893, M.J. Gleeson, Ltd.,£36,426, Walker (Tooting) Ltd., £36,485, Bunting Construction Co., Ltd., £36,982,Demolition & Construction Co., Ltd., £37,756, Thomas & Edge,Ltd., £38,269,Whyatt(Builders) Ltd.,£38,987, Y.J.Lovell & Son,Ltd.,£39,800.

Comparable estimate of Director of Housing and Valuer is £33,980.

L.C.C. 6 blocks of flats on Effra-parade site,Lambeth,(Contract A): +Tersons,Ltd, £82,088 (amended), Stewart & Partners,Ltd.,£83,427,Kent & Sussex Contractors, Ltd.,£83,853, W.J.Simms,Sons & Cooke,Ltd.,£84,300,Patman & Fotheringham,Ltd., £84,927, J.Gerrard & Son,Ltd.,£85,611, M.J. Gleeson,Ltd.,£85,642,Gee,Walker & Slater,Ltd.,£85,755,Rice & Sons,Ltd.,£85,766, E.H.Smith (Croydon),Ltd., £85,873, Leslie & Co.Ltd., £86,070, Rowley Bros.,Ltd.,£87,266,Halse & Sons, Ltd.,£90,254,A.T.Rowley (London) Ltd.,£91,764.

Comparable estimate of appointed architects,Howard Leicester & Partners, is £87,780.

L.C.C. 4 houses and 8 flats for old people at Maitland Park estate,St.Pancras: +H.Parfitt & Sons,Ltd.,Wembley,£7,552 (lowest of 12 tenders).Comp.est.of Director of Housing and Valuer, £7,584.

L.C.C. For 284 dwellings on Roehampton-la. site with communal buildings: +Tersons Ltd., £469,896, Kent & Sussex (Contractors),Ltd.,£470,120,M.J.Gleeson,Ltd., £473,130,Taylor Woodrow Construction Ltd.,£474,004,Gee,Walker & Slater,Ltd., £474,815, Harry Neal,Ltd.,£483,192,Henry Boot & Sons,Ltd.,£483,444,A.T.Rowley(London) Ltd., £484,848,John Laing & Son,Ltd.,£493,113,Walter Lawrence & Son,Ltd.,£496,694, A. Roberts & Co.,Ltd.,£527,725.

Comp.est.of appointed architects,Stewart & Hendry, is £475,000.

L.C.C. For pile and beam foundations,etc.,for block No.5 of flats at Tabard-gardens; +Willment Bros.,Ltd.,Isleworth,£12,814,Simplex Concrete Piles,Ltd., £13,560,Concrete Piling,Ltd.,£13,943,J.L. Kier & Co.,Ltd.,£14,837.

Comp.est.of appointed architects, H.V.Ashley & Winton Newman,£14,121.

L.C.C. For 56 flats,etc.,on Flamsteed estate,Greenwich: +Stewart & Partners, Ltd.,St.Marylebone,£110,407,Rowley Bros,Ltd.,£111,086,Wilson Lovatt & Sons, Ltd.,£111,966, Harry Neal,Ltd.,£113,207, Wm.Moss & Sons,Ltd.,£113,466, Charles R.Price,£114,036,Lavender McMillan,Ltd.,£115,110,Halse & Sons,Ltd., £115,110,E.H.Smith (Croydon),Ltd.,£116,110,Prestige & Co.,Ltd.,£116,920,W.H. Gaze & Sons,Ltd.,£118,888,J.Jarvis & Sons,Ltd.,£123,789,Thomas & Edge,Ltd., £129,499, Comp.est. of appointed architects,Howes & Jackman, £116,600.

L.C.C. For 2 blocks of flats and a block of houses as initial part of the Lansbury (Stepney-Poplar) reconstruction area development: +Tersons,Ltd.,£72,555, Gee,Walker & Slater,Ltd.,£72,800, A.T.Rowley (London),Ltd., £73,461, L. & W. Whitehead,Ltd.,£73,692, Kent & Sussex Contractors,Ltd.,£74,010,R.Costain,Ltd.,

£74,093,M.J. Gleeson,Ltd., £74,333,Gilbert-Ash,Ltd.,£75,620,Griggs & Son,Ltd., £76,580,Geo.Parker & Sons,Ltd.,£77,324,Allen Fairhead & Sons,Ltd., £78,181, J.Jarvis & Sons,Ltd.,£78,480,F.G.Minter,Ltd.,£78,890.

Comp.est.of appointed architect, G.A.Sellicoe, £73,250.

L.C.C. Works in connection with the traffic roundabout at the intersection of Queenstown-rd., and Prince of Wales-drive:+John Mowlem & Co.,Ltd., Westminster, £23,739. Chief Engineer's comparable estimate, £21,261.

Onchan.(I.o.M.) 30 houses,Ballachrink estate, for Village Commissioners. +Universal Housing Co., Ltd., Bury-st.,Richmansworth,Herts,£57,433.

Shildon.12 houses,Jubilee Fields site,for U.D.C. +Direct Labour.

Southampton. Adaptations at The Elms,Peartree-ave.,for C.B. L.Berger,Dip.Arch. ...R.I.B.A., R.W.Dowman,Botley-rd.,Sholing,Southampton,£1,686; adaptations to Peartree House,Thompson & Spurr, 6,Wilton-gdns.,Shirley,£1,848.

South Shields. Conversion of former convalescent home, Oakleigh-gdns.,Cleadon, into residential nursery for T.C. +Milton Swales,Ltd.,Imeary-st.,South Shields, £8,813: branch savings bank, and shops,Boldon-la., for T.C. J. Reid,B.E.+Farslag, Ltd., Bowesfield-la.,Stockton-on-Tees,£11,892.

South Shields. Factory alterations,Havelock-st.,for Elsy & Gibbons,Ltd., +Henderson Bros.,Smith-st.,Tyne Dock,South Shields.

Wembley. 15 aged persons' dwellings,Fryent estate, +Lancaster(London),Ltd., Ealing-rd.,Wembley, £14,312.

Widnes. 118 dwellings,Crow Wood estate for T.C. T.A.Brittain (E), Boro' A., Brendan House,Widnes-rd., Quantities by Gornall,Wainwright & Co., St.Helens, +Corporation Building Dept.,Kilton-rd.,Widnes,£128,459.

GENERAL BUILDING WORK
(London)

Battersea - Dwellings - L.C.C. propose to develop Patmore-st. site by dwellings at £374,200. Becontree - Synagogue - L.C.C. to sell land in Becontree-av. to United Synagogue authorities for extension. Debden - Community Centre - L.C.C. to sell about 13 acres at Debden to Essex C.C. for erection of community centre. H.Conolly,F.R.I.B.A.,Essex C.A., Chelmsford. Deptford - Flats - H.V. Ashley & Winton Newman,F.R.I.B.A.,architects for 93 flats, etc.,at Kender-st.; for L.C.C. to cost £190,050. Finsbury - Houses - Peabody Foundation Fund has secured L.C.C. assistance in obtaining 2-acre site at Roscoe-st. for housing. London. L.C.C. to grant £5,249 for adaptation of premises in Balderton-st., for use by Regent-st.,Poly - L.C.C. to fence and layout Coldharbour playing field at £12,950. - L.C.C. to make £10,000 grant to Governors for redecoration of Sadlers Wells. Peckham - Flats - 65 flats, etc.,proposed by L.C.C. at High-st.,at £124,820. Poplar - Housing - Presbyterian Housing, Ltd., have acquired site at Poplar High-st., for erection of 32 flats. Shepherds Bush - Dwellings - L.C.C. approved scheme for developing part of White City site by dwellings at £254,000. Southwark - Flats - L.C.C. to erect 57 flats at Lancaster-st., at £107,120. Stepney - Housing - Crollin-st.,site to be laid out for 86 flats, etc.,at £175,400. Stepney - Flats - Messrs.Joseph,architects for 57 flats, etc.,at Solander-st.,at £107,200. Stoke Newington - Dwellings- L.C.C. to develop Kenneway estate by dwellings to cost £91,881. Wembley - Factory extension - Revised scheme for extension to factory at Truvox, Ltd., Secon Way,B.E.L. Grounds,has been prepared by E.H.Firmin,A.R.I.B.A., 10,Manchester-sq.,W.1. Wembley - Factory Addition - G.A.Sexton & Son, architects, 42,Kilburn High-rd.,N.W.6., have prepared plans for 1st floor addition to factory of Bengue & Co.,Ltd., Mount Pleasant. Wembley - Factory Extension - Lancasters (Contractors) Ltd., 30,Ealing-rd.,Wembley,received planning approval for extension for Goodmans' Industries,Lancelot-rd.

(Provincial)

Bedlington. U.D.C. to build 67 houses. N.Hall,S. Blaydon-on-Tyne. Surv.to prepare plans for shops on housing estates. Carlisle, E.C. to erect prim. sch.at Harraby.Hartlepool. T.C. may demolish Holy Trinity Church and erect 12 shops with living acc.and 11 houses.R.H.Snowball,B.E. Newcastle--on-Tyne. C.W.S.Ltd.,to build warehouse,Stowell-st.,to plans by C.W.S. Architects' Dep.,90,Westmorland-rd., Newcastle. - Wm.Bell(Newcastle)Ltd., Forth Banks,Newcastle,to build sawmill Forth-st.,to own plans. - J.Anderson, 4,Mosley-st.,Newcastle,plans daily extensions,Coutts-rd.,for Newcastle Model Milk Co.,Ltd.,Northumberland.E.C. to buy Gallowhill Hall,nr. Morpeth,for conversion into school.Est.cost, £65,000 County A.,W.H.Tasker,County Hall,Newcastle-on-Tyne, - Northern (N. & C.) Coal Board,Ellison-bldgs., Ellison-pl.,Newcastle-on-Tyne,considering schemes for extending pithead baths at 8 collieries.

"THE BUILDER" PRICES.

Plasterboard - Minister of Works has authorised 1d.increase per sq.yd. in selling prices of Gypsum Plasterboard (wallboard, all thicknesses,Baseboard and Lath) as from Oct.2.
Cement - By increased cost of Kraft paper, the charge for paper bags and non-returnable jute and cotton sacks has been increased by 2/6d from 9/6d to 12/- net per ton of cement from Oct.2; for lots up to 1 ton,cost of individual padages increases to 8d. This increase also applies to the packages for other C. M.C. cements. Price of "Snowcrete",Colorcrete (other than red,buff and khaki) and "Cullamix", which are inclusive of the cost of packages,advances by 2/6d. per ton.
Zinc Oxide. As from Oct.2 zinc oxide, in lots of not less than 2 tons, delivered buyers goes up by £3 per ton.
Brass Tubes. As from Oct.2 the basis price of brass tubes increases by ½d. per lb. to 21½d.

CONTRACTS OPEN

+Denotes application date
+Oct.16. Hastings C.B. 116 houses,Rectory Site,Hollington.B.E. Dep.£2.2s.
+Oct.16.Merthyr Tydfil C.B. Heating services etc.for conversion of Penyrenmansion,Brecon,into Sch. B.E. Dep.£2.2s.
+Oct.20 Bristol T.C. Clinic,Lawrence Weston-rd.,Store,Feeder-rd.J.Nelson Meredith (F.),City A. Dep.£2.2s.
+Oct.21 Richmond (Surrey)T.C. 36 flats Woodville-rd.,Nam.B.E.Dep.£3.3s.
+Oct.21 Staffs C.C.Alterations,Rednall Hill County Prim.Sch.Rowley Regis. A.C.H.Stillman,Arch.to E.C., Lichfield-rd.,Stafford. Dep.£2.2s.
+Oct.21 Staffs C.C. Extensions,County Prim.Sch.Butt-la.,Kidsgrove.A.C.H. Stillman, Dep.£4.4s.
Oct.23 Stratford-on-Avon R.C. 27 houses,Redlands est.,Alcester-rd. B.E.Municipal Offices.Dep.£2.2s.
Oct.25. Crawley Development Corp. 15 pairs of houses,West Green. Chief A., Broadfield.
+Oct.25 Hendon T.C. 80 flats,Edgware-rd. E.E.S. Dep.£3.3s.
Oct.26 Melton R.D.C. 16 houses,Nettleham. Wm.Saunders & Ptnrs. 24,Castlegate,Newark-on-Trent. Dep.£3.3s.
Oct.27 Aldridge U.D.C 72 houses,Walton-rd. A.H. Partridge,C. Dep.£2.2s.
Oct.27.Bootle C.B. 42 & 66 dwellings, Copy-la.site,Netherton (schemes 12 (B) 3 & 12 (B) 4. B.S. Dep.£2.2s.
Oct.27.Durham C.C. Pair of police houses,Carr-la. Brandon Colliery. G.R.Clayton (F.) Court-la.,Durham.
Oct.27.Durham C.C. Pair of police houses,Kyo-rd. Catchgate. G.R.Clayton, (F.),Court-la.,Durham.
+Oct.28. West Riding C.C. Extensions, Wath Grammar Sch.and superstructure for Swinton Fitzwilliam inf.sch. C.A.Wakefield. Dep.£2.2s. each.
Oct.30.Dronfield U.D.C. 40 flats,Snape Hill.Husband & Co.,architects, Glossop-rd.,Sheffield,10.Dep.£2.2s.
Oct.31. Luton B.C. Reconst. of Cathall-rd. Baths.E.E.S. Dep.£2.2s.
+Oct.31 Tottenham B.C. 60 flats, Tew-

kesbury est. B.E.& S. Dep.£2.2s.
Nov.7 Hants C.C. Schools at Hamble & Kingsworthy. C.A.,Winchester.Dep.£2.2s. each.
Nov.7 Nottingham T.C.New Manvers Sec.Sch. Carlton-rd.Cecil Howitt & Ptnrs.,architects,St.Andrew's Hs,Mansfield-rd. Dep.£2.
Nov.10.Leicester T.C. 378 flats,New Parks est. J.S.Fyfe (A.),Housing A. Dep.£5.5s.
Nov.10.Salop C.C. Pr. of police houses, Bridgnorth. County A.,Shrewsbury.
Nov.14.Cardiff T.C.Gram.Sch.,Colchester-av.,City S. Dep. £2.2s.
Nov.22. Lewes T.C. 26 houses,Church-la. est. B.E. & S. Dep. £5.5s.
Nov.23 Oxford United Hospitals. Nurses' hostel,Manor House site,Headington. Secretary,Radcliffe Infirmary.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Oct. 17. Kent C.C. Surv.Assts. C.A., Springfield,Maidstone. Oct.20Bracknell Devpmt.Corp.Clk.of Wks. Gen.Manager, Farley Hall,Binfield; Doncaster E.C. Sen. Asst.Q.S. Chief Ed.Officer; Hackney T.C. Tech.Asst.(Costing & Estimating), T.C; Smethwick C.B. Sen.Arch.Asst.B.E. & S; Swaffham & Wayland R.D.C. Resident Eng. C.,Attleborough. Oct.21 Derbys.C.C. Sen. Asst.Archs. County A., Derby; Godalming T.C. Bldg.Asst. B.E. & S.; London Electricity Board.Struct.Draughtsmen.Establishments Officer,46,New Broad-st., E.C.2.; Lowestoft T.C. Chief Bldg. & Estates Asst.T.C.;Middlesex C.C. Quant. Surv.Asst. C.A.,10,Gt.George-st.,S.W.1. Oct.23 Blackwell R.D.C. Clk.of Wks. R. Evans,C.,100,Chesterfield-rd.,South, Mansfield; Fife C.C. Arch.Asst.County, C.,Cupar; Lancs.C.C. Asst.Tech.Officer & Draughtsman. C.A.,Preston; South Eastern Elect.Bd.Worker-up. Surveyor,10, Queen's-gdns.,Hove,3. Oct.25 Herts C.C. Asst.Archs. & Q.S's. County A., Hertford; Wandsworth T.C. Arch.Assts.R.H.Jerman, T.C. Oct.27 Devon C.C. Asst.Archs. C.A., 97, Heavitree-rd.,Exeter; Grimsby C.B. Arch.Assts.B.E. & S. Oct.28 York T.C. Arch.Asst. & Contract Clk.of Wks. City E. Oct.30 Cardiganshire C.C. Q.S., Asst. Archs. & Arch.Assts. C. Aberystwyth; Dartford R.D.C. Chief Eng.Asst. C.: Dearne U.D.C. Clk.of Wks. F.Hawksworth, C.Oct.31 Staffs.C.C. Heating Engineering Draughtsman. Dir.of Ed.,Stafford. Nov.1 Sunderland C.B.Sen.Clerk (Deputy). Boro'A.,Grange House. Nov.11 L.C.C. Sen.Asst. to teach quantities & lecturer to teach bldg.const. at Brixton Sch.of Bldg.Sec., Ferndale-rd.,S.W.4.(Ref.1274).Nov 13 Merioneth C.C. Asst.County Planning Officer. County C.,Dolgelly. No Date L.C.C. Bldg. & Maintenance Surveyors for Housing Dept. Dir.of Housing,County Hall.(Ref:1297); L.C.C. Temp. Tech.Asst. for Parks Dept. Second Officer,Parks Dep.,Old County Hall.(Ref.1292); L.C.C.Temp.Tech.Assts. for Housing & Valuation Dept. Dir.of Housing. County Hall,(Ref:1298); Crown Agents.Inspector of Wks.for Govt. of Gold Coast. Crown Agents,4,Millbank, S.W.1. (Ref:M/N/25567/3D); Stirlingshire C.C. Quant.Survs.County C.,Stirling. Staffs C.C. Arch.Assts.County A., Stafford.

LATE TENDERS

Hammersmith 48 flats,Blythe-rd.,site for B.C. +Direct Labour,£95,823; 20 flats,Flora-gdns. +Direct Labour, £36,279; 6 flats,Ashchurch Park Villas site, +Direct Labour,£15,483; 6 flats, Black Lion-la. site, +Direct Labour, £14,959.
London(Admiralty) Admiralty Depot: Painting work, C.Bryant & Son,Ltd., Small Heath, Birmingham, 10.
L.C.C. Erection of Coldharbour Farm No.2 county prim.sch. +James Longley & Co.,Ltd.,Crawley,£77,409,Thomas & Edge,£78,417,Kent & Sussex Contractors,Ltd.,£78,732, Halse & Sons,£78,987 Gough Cooper & Co.,£79,750, Foster & Dicksee,£79,812,Prestige & Co., £80,275, F.R.Hipperson & Son,£81,018,Fred.& T Thorne, £81,260,Geo.Parker & Sons, £81,540,Demolition & Construction Co., £81,700, J.C.Bowyer,£83,654.

Awards to Apprentices. - The Building Apprenticeship & Training Council announce that all forms of recommendation for prizes which will be awarded by the Council this year must reach the Secretary not later than Oct.31. Forms (B.A.T.C. /AW16) available from Secretary.

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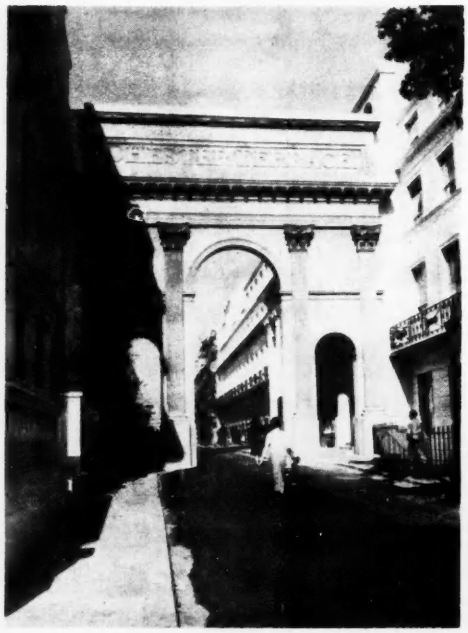
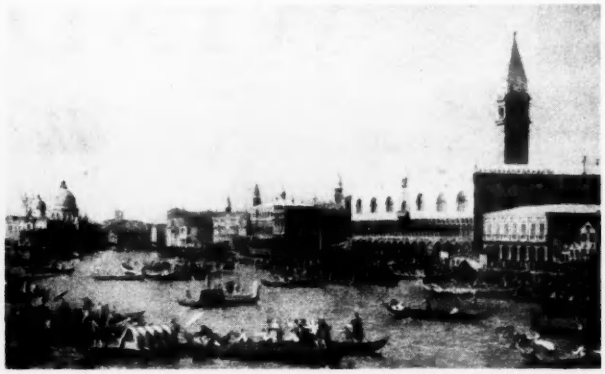
The 85-ft spire of Hackney Congregational Church, now being demolished.

Mr. Bevan, Minister of Health, presenting an M.O.H. Housing Medal to Mr. H.J. Rowse, at the R.I.B.A.

Laying aluminium sheeting on the Dome of Discovery, South Bank Exhibition.



Chester Terrace, Regents Park, restoration of which is now nearing completion. The buildings were affected by dry rot following war damage.



The Bucintoro at the Piazzetta. This Canaletto is among the Duke of Bedford's pictures now on show at the Royal Academy.